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Dear Mrs. Curran:

Thank you cordially for your letter of May 21, addressed to Dr. Sockman. The only reason that you have not had a prompt response is because Dr. Sockman has been out of town since the day of our ceremony. We are happy indeed to send you the opening paragraph of his address, which is as follows:

Attached to the windshield of our motor cars is a chauffeur's mirror so designed that the driver can see the road behind without taking his major gaze off the road ahead. When driving through our crowded streets, it is equally as important to see the road behind as to see the road ahead, because there is almost more danger of collision from the rear than from the front, and this danger is sharpest when we make a left turn.

In our social thinking we have an expression "turn to the left" meaning thereby to the radical new. It cannot be denied that such is the trend today. It is precisely because of these turns to the left that we need to see the road behind us, lest some old fallacy carrying a 1952 license plate come dashing along to wreck us. There is the old theory of communism now parading itself as true democracy, etc., etc.

Cordially yours,

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